

Remarks

A. Status of Application

Claims 22, 24, and 25 will be pending in the present case upon entry of this amendment. Claims 1-11 were previously canceled, without prejudice. Claims 12-21, 23, and 26-30 are canceled with the filing of this document, without prejudice. Claims 22, 24, and 25 have been amended. No new matter has been added.

B. Allowable Subject matter

The subject Office Action indicates at page 6 that claims 23-25 are objected to as depending upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

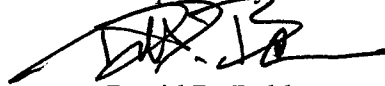
The above amendments introduce the limitations of allowable claim 23 into claim 22, from which claim 23 originally depended. Accordingly, claim 23 has been cancelled and claims 24 and 25 have been amended to depend from claim 22 rather than from cancelled claim 23.

Amended claims 22, 24 and 25 are thus in a condition for allowance. All of the other outstanding rejections in this case have been mooted by these amendments.

C. Conclusion

Applicants believe that these amendments and remarks fully respond to all outstanding matters for this application. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner's rejections and/or objections to all claims be withdrawn. Should the Examiner desire to sustain any rejections or objections, the courtesy of a telephone conference between the Examiner and the undersigned attorney is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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